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Mr. Chris Brown
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Dear Mr. Brown,

At long last, I am pleased to announce some of the details regarding our upcoming Liberal Task Force on the Status of Disabled Persons.

The mandate of this Task Force is to hear the concerns of Canadians with disabilities as they relate to federal government policies. The aim is to explore all areas of concern, in order to formulate a comprehensive policy platform on disabled issues. Through the sharing of ideas with groups and individuals representing disabled persons, a new understanding can be fostered.

Given this context, this Task Force will be conducted as a series of closed hearings, allowing each presenter to articulate its views on the issues of his/her choice. Approximately 45 minutes will be allocated to each presenter. The panel will consist of Beth Phinney, M.P., Opposition Critic for the Status of Disabled Persons, Jim Jordan, M.P., Associate Opposition Critic for the Status of Disabled Persons, and several other Members of Parliament, from your region or those with particular interest in issues concerning Disabled Persons.

The hearings will be conducted in 5 cities across Canada. These cities have been selected on the basis of the number of national advocacy groups located there. The cities, and tentative dates for hearings are as follows:

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| Ottawa, Ont.: | May 21, 22 & 23, 1991 7:00-10:00 pm |
| Fredericton, N.B.: | early June, 1991 |
| Toronto, Ont.: | early June, 1991 |
| Winnipeg, Man.: | mid-June, 1991 |
| Vancouver, B.C.: | mid-June, 1991 |

N.B. Dates for the last four cities will be confirmed as soon as they become available.

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In order to enable each presenter to prepare for these hearings, the following is a list of the issues that we are hoping to cover:

1. Omnibus legislation in the area of disability.
2. Employment Equity
3. Issues affecting Women with Disabilities
4. The Economic Integration of Disabled Persons
5. New/unrecognized disabilities
6. Federal/Provincial distribution of powers and funding of programs for Disabled persons.
7. Consultative mechanisms
8. Any other issue of particular concern to your organization.

These topics are only a guideline for your presentations. Please feel free to address any or all of these issues in the manner that is most appropriate to your organization. Please indicate in your response to my office your priorities, and the areas you will be presenting, so that we may tailor our agenda accordingly.

If you are interested in making a presentation to the Task Force, and will be able to attend a session at one of the 5 locations listed, please contact my office as soon as possible. Once we have confirmed the number of groups in each area, we will assign times and locations.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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